
Introduced by Senator SpeierFebruary 20, 2003

An act to add Section 17322 to the Family Code, relating to social services.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 488, as introduced, Speier. Child support enforcement.

Existing law requires the Department of Child Support Services to administer services relating to collection and distribution of child support throughout the state.

This bill would require the Department of Child Support Services to identify and actively enforce medical support orders in cases in which a noncustodial parent is subject to a medical support order and has medical insurance, but has failed to provide medical insurance for his or her dependent child. The bill would permit the department to contract with a nationally recognized service to pursue medical insurance coverage through employers of noncustodial parents.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 17322 is added to the Family Code, to
2 read:
3 17322. (a) The department shall identify and actively
4 enforce medical support orders in cases in which all of the
5 following conditions are present:
6 (1) The noncustodial parent is subject to a medical support
7 order.



1 (2) The noncustodial parent has medical insurance, but has
2 failed to provide medical insurance for his or her dependent child.

3 (3) The child is receiving state or federally subsidized medical
4 insurance.

5 (b) The department may contract with a nationally recognized
6 service that identifies and pursues medical insurance coverage
7 available through employers of noncustodial parents by matching
8 files of Medicaid-eligible recipients, children in the child support
9 enforcement system, parents, and medical insurance policies.

10 (c) A contract for service pursuant to subdivision (b) shall
11 include provisions for all of the following:

12 (1) A data match system of all relevant state and national
13 databases.

14 (2) Issuance of a medical support order in any case requiring a
15 medical support order for which no support order has been placed.

16 (3) Proactive enrollment of the child in private medical
17 insurance rather than third party liability recovery.

18 (4) A review of previous medical support orders in which
19 private medical insurance is not in effect to determine if the
20 circumstances of the parent has changed and insurance has become
21 available at a reasonable cost to the parent who is subject to the
22 order.

